



From the Director's Desk...

Greetings to
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Community of
researchers.

Having joined as the Director of ISEC, I now discovered the divergent nature of its role bound by a convergent

framework and the lore of a social science research institute. Although it is a challenge to put my feet into the larger shoes of an illustrious founder and trend-setting predecessors, I visualize newer challenges in realizing my own vision of a vibrant and innovative social science research institute. Innovative research is usually resultant of cross fertilization of ideas from across disciplines and also resultant of cross fertilization of roles in the context of dual/multiple role occupancy by the researcher himself/herself. So multiple role occupancy of the researchers is very much central to indulgence in innovative research. Multi-staking by the researcher has been found to be an imperative to be innovative. Internecine between the roles of an academic researcher (chasing paradigms) and applied/action researcher, between a researcher and a policy advisor, between a solo researcher and a collaborator, between a researcher and a teacher/trainer, between a teacher and thesis supervisor, between a researcher and an academic administrator, I visualize the role of an innovative researcher who would be the corner-stone of an epistemic community by oscillating between these binary multiple roles on rotation. This in fact is an impetus of the epistemic community that makes it more competitive and creative. Thus, the desired end-state is achievable by sharing the spirit of the epistemic community of our researchers at ISEC. Of course, it goes without saying that multi-staking is contingent upon a host of sound organizational as well as individual resources.

Notwithstanding such visualizations of long-term goals, I am pleased to note that the last six months have been very productive in the ISEC academic calendar. Faculty members at the institute completed eight major research projects and initiated nine new projects during this period. The studies addressed academic questions and policy issues in the fields of agriculture and rural development that touched upon the MGNREGA, food security, women's empowerment and corporate social responsibility, and the like. The institute organised as many as eleven seminars/training programmes/workshops. Among these,

noteworthy is the prestigious Karnataka Rajyotsava Extension Lecture organised on December 4, 2013. Justice N. Santosh Hegde, former Judge of the Supreme Court of India and former Lokayukta of Karnataka, delivered a lecture on the topic 'What's Left of Indian Democracy?'. The training programmes conducted by the institute during this period require a special mention here. Especially, the ISEC-NCI Course on 'Approaching the Environment in India: New Theories and Methods in the Study of the Nature-Society Interface' (July 7 - August 3, 2013), training programme in 'Advanced Econometrics for ISS Probationary Officers' (August 5-16, 2013) and Social Science Talent Search Scheme (August 17-18, 2013) drew much attention from academic and government circles.

Faculty members and students also published their research outcomes in the forms of books, articles, working papers, policy briefs and newspaper articles. I am happy to share that ISEC faculty members during this last six months published five books, 34 research articles in journals/edited books and eight ISEC working papers. They also presented papers in both national and international seminars in good numbers. Students actively contributed to the research and academic activities of the institute during this period. It makes me really proud to note that we could successfully work towards the award of seven PhDs during this period. Biannual and student seminars were also notable academic activities of this period.

Several scholars from other Indian and international research institutes and universities visited ISEC and actively engaged in academic exchanges during this period. It should be noted that the Centres of the institute held meetings with the President and faculty members of the University of Groningen, discussed the possibilities of expanding the present collaboration to joint research, student exchange and other seminars. It resulted in the signing of an MoU with the University of Groningen. Another major event of this period was the 10-member delegation of ISEC to Chengdu, China, to participate in the International Conference on "Opening-up, Cooperation and Economic Growth" hosted by the Sichuan Academy of Social Sciences (SASS) and reinforce the agreement with it.

I look forward to much more academically productive days ahead.

Binay Kumar Pattnaik
Director

Interactive Session on 'Impact Evaluation Study of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY)'

An interactive session on impact evaluation study of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) was organized on July 16, 2013 at ISEC, Bangalore. The then Director of ISEC, Professor R S Deshpande, delivered the welcome address. Shri E K Majhi, Joint Secretary (RKVY), Department of Agriculture & Cooperation (DAC), Government of India (GoI), spoke on RKVY. Prof Parmod Kumar, Head, ADRTC, gave an introduction to the RKVY impact evaluation study. On behalf of the RKVY team at ISEC, Dr A V Manjunatha presented the

preliminary findings about allocation and expenditure of RKVY projects/programmes by nature and status of the projects across regions in India in general, and in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu in particular. Data and methodological issues, output and outcome of the projects were also discussed. This interactive session ended with feedback from the representatives from DAC (GOI), Karnataka and Tamil Nadu. The RKVY interactive session was organised by Prof Parmod Kumar and Dr A V Manjunatha of ADRTC.

German Development Cooperation (GIZ) promotional workshop

As part of promotional activities of German Development Cooperation (GIZ), a workshop was jointly organized by GIZ, India, and ISEC on July 26, 2013 at ISEC. The purpose was to meet the potential institutions/partners in Karnataka in order to get an understanding of their academic and research activities and give them insight into GIZ collaborative options and programmes. There were 20 participants representing various institutes: the University of

Agricultural Sciences, Fairclimate Network, Digital Green, Initiatives for Development Foundation, Centre for Sustainable Development, International Competence Centre for Organic Agriculture, etc. The participants spoke about their research activities and interests. GIZ representatives from India and Germany gave presentations. The workshop, chaired by Prof R S Deshpande, was organised by Dr A V Manjunatha, ADRTC.

ISEC-NCI Course on 'Approaching the Environment in India: New Theories and Methods in the Study of the Nature-Society Interface'



Chairman of ISEC Board of Governors Prof G Thimmaiah addressing the students from Nordic countries during the ISEC-NCI course inauguration on July 7, 2013. The then Director, Prof R S Deshpande, is also seen.

The Centre for Ecological Economics and Natural Resources (CEENR) of ISEC in association with the Nordic Centre in India (NCI), Sweden, organised a four-week inter-disciplinary course on 'Approaching the Environment in India: New Theories and Methods in the Study of the Nature-Society Interface' during July 7-August 3, 2013, for post-graduate students from Nordic countries. ISEC has been organizing this course since 2006 and so far 98 post-graduate students from the universities of Sweden, Finland, Denmark and Iceland have participated in it. This is a regular post-graduate course equivalent to 10 ECTS (European Union Credits).

During the course, the participants are introduced to issues related to Indian culture and environment, environment and economy interface, human well-being, sustainable development, natural resource management, environmental movements, environmental law, urban environment etc. Field trips were organized to rural/urban and tribal areas like BR Hills, Watershed, Biodiversity Conservation Park, Green Buildings, Sewage Treatment plant and Urban Slums.

The then Director of ISEC, Prof R S Deshpande, welcomed the course participants and Prof G Thimmaiah, Chairman of Board of Governors, ISEC, delivered the Inaugural Address. At the valedictory function, Prof Deshpande distributed certificates to the course participants.

Dr S Manasi and Dr Sunil Nautiyal, CEENR, ISEC, coordinated the course.

Training Programme in Advanced Econometrics for ISS Probationary Officers

The Centre for Economics Studies and Policy (CESP), ISEC, organised a training programme, Advanced Econometrics for ISS Probationary Officers. Totally 31 Probationary Officers participated in the programme. During the first week of the course, participants were introduced to Basic Econometric Techniques and the second week concentrated on Advanced Time Series Techniques. The resource persons for the course were drawn both from within the Institute and from other institutions like Indian Statistical

Institute, Madras School of Economics and Pondicherry University.

Prof R S Deshpande welcomed the course participants and Chairman of Board of Governors, ISEC, Professor G Thimmaiah chaired the session and shared his vast experience on usage of data. Professor P M Kulkarni of JNU and Shri G S N Murthy, Deputy Director-General of National Academy of Statistical Administration (NASA), CSO, attended the valedictory function and distributed certificates to the participants.

Seminar on 'Development Trends in Urban and Peri-Urban Agriculture'

A Seminar on 'Development Trends in Urban and Peri-urban Agriculture' was jointly organised by ISEC and P N Agricultural Science Foundation (PNASF) on August 8, 2013.

The seminar attempted to explore the development trends in urban and peri-urban agriculture in the Indian context. Thirteen research papers were presented in the seminar focusing on different issues related to development of UPA. These papers dealt with issues related to availability of urban land for cultivation and security of land tenure for urban poor. Increasing urbanization, flow of private investment and the

need for multi-stakeholder approach for development of UPA also formed crucial themes. The discussions also encompassed issues related to use of urban waste water for agricultural purpose and disappearance of small water bodies due to encroachment. Importance of roof-top gardening, its feasibility and growing horticultural crops for household consumption were adequately discussed. The seminar was organised by Dr Elumalai Kannan of ISEC, and Dr Prem Nath, former Additional Director-General of FAO and Chairman, PNASF.

Social Science Talent Search Scheme: A Collaborative Effort of ISEC, Bangalore University and Christ University, Bangalore

Social Science Talent Search Scheme (SSTSS) has been an on-going programme of ISEC since January 2011, undertaken in collaboration with Bangalore University and Christ University.

SSTS is an initiative to address the dwindling interest among the student community in social science subjects opted for degree courses. It encourages talented boys and girls at Plus Two

level to write a competitive exam passing which with high marks, qualifies the top 35 students (25 and 10 students belong to both Bangalore University and Christ University) to avail scholarship for three years, i.e., during their three years' tenure as undergraduate students in social science courses.

As part of this continuing initiative a half-yearly scholarship distribution ceremony was organised at ISEC in August 2013. The Vice-Chancellor of Bangalore University, former Director of ISEC Prof R S Deshpande, the Registrar of Bangalore University, Prof C C Seethamma, Principal of Christ Junior College

Rev. Fr. Dr Jose C C and other dignitaries distributed the scholarships and addressed the students. Members of the advisory committee, Controller of Examinations and Co-coordinator of SSTSS, Prof H K Moulesh, Dr K G Gayathri Devi; resource persons Prof Siddananda, Prof P H Rayappa and others were also present. Nodal officers from the colleges, parents of the students, visiting professors, faculty and members of ISEC were among those who were present on the occasion.

The programme was coordinated by Dr M Lingaraju, Prof H K Moulesh and Dr K G Gayathri Devi, Faculty, ISEC, and co-ordinators of SSTSS.

Workshop on 'Food and Nutrition Security: Accomplishments and Challenges'

A workshop on 'Food and Nutrition Security: Accomplishments and Challenges' was organised at ISEC in association with the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics (ISAE), Mumbai, during September 19-20, 2013. The workshop aimed to upgrade the analytical skills of young researchers working in the field of agricultural economics and to improve the summary papers presented in the 2012 Annual Conference of the ISAE held at Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Varanasi. Many eminent agricultural economists, including Professors V M Rao, R S Deshpande, C Ramasamy, P G Chengappa and M G Chandrakanth, had participated in the seminar and delivered lectures on the methodological issues related to analysis of food and nutrition security.

ISEC Director Professor Binay Kumar Pattnaik addressed the participants on the first day. Recent developments in research methodology and analytical tools were covered on the first day. On the second day, a critical review of the summary papers provided by the subject experts were shared with the invited participants for revision and subsequent



ISEC Director Prof Binay Kumar Pattnaik addressing the workshop on 'Food and Nutrition Security: Accomplishments and Challenges' on September 19, 2013.

submission for possible publication in the *Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics*. The interactive session provided opportunity for the paper writers to discuss their papers with subject experts directly and clarify the conceptual and methodological issues. The seminar was organised by Dr Elumalai Kannan, ISEC.

Seminar on 'Financing Development: State and the Market'

The Centre for Economic Studies and Policy (CESP) of ISEC organised a seminar on 'Economy of Tomorrow - Financing Development:

State and the Market' on November 27-28, 2013. The seminar was organized in collaboration with Fridrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) of New Delhi.

Altogether 10 papers were presented on varied themes focusing on the role of state and the market in the development process in the Indian context. Dr Felix Schmidt, Resident Representative of FES, New Delhi, gave an overview of the seminar. The inaugural address was given by Sri B K Bhattacharya, former Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka.

Prof G Thimmaiah, Chairman of the Board of Governors, ISEC, gave the presidential address. The seminar made an attempt to bring together the academic inputs and field insights by getting senior government officers to participate in the discussion as discussants. The program was coordinated by Dr K Gayithri and Dr K V Raju.

Seminar on 'Migration and Development'

As part of the research project, **'Building Knowledge Base on Ageing in India: Increased Awareness, Access and Quality of Elderly Services'**, undertaken by ISEC's PRC and Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum, a discussion on the research study 'Migration and Development' was held at ISEC on December 2, 2013. Sessions covered various issues including Governance, Legislation, Diaspora networks, Female mobility in the context of emigration from various Indian states to other countries.

Experts on ageing issues from all over India participated in the seminar in which papers were presented by Dr S Krishna Kumar of the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs (MOIA); Dr S Irudaya Rajan of CDS, Trivandrum; Dr R B Bhagat, IIPS, Mumbai; Dr Rupa Chanda, IIM, Bangalore; Dr TLS Bhaskar, India Centre for Migration, New Delhi; and Mr Zakir Hussain, Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi. The seminar was organised with the support of the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs (MOIA) through Research Unit on International Migration.

Karnataka Rajyotsava Extension Lecture



Former Lokayukta of Karnataka Justice N Santosh Hegde delivering the Karnataka Rajyotsava Extension Lecture, 'What's Left of Indian Democracy?' on December 4, 2013.

Justice N Santosh Hegde, former Judge of the Supreme Court of India and former Lokayukta of Karnataka, delivered the Karnataka Rajyotsava Extension Lecture on the topic, **What's Left of Indian Democracy?** on December 4, 2013. Professor G Thimmaiah, Chairperson, Board of Governors, ISEC, presided over the function. Former Lokayukta of Karnataka Justice N Santosh Hegde delivering the Karnataka Rajyotsava Extension Lecture, 'What's Left of Indian Democracy?' on December 4, 2013. Besides the Institute's faculty, staff and students, the ISEC founder-members, Members of the Board of Governors, faculty from sister institutions and other invitees participated in the function.

Workshop on 'What Teachers Do' with Eleanor Duckworth and Panel Discussion

The Centre for Human Resource Development of ISEC along with the RV Education Consortium, Bangalore, organised a workshop on 'What Teachers Do' with Prof Eleanor Duckworth, Retired Professor of the

Harvard Graduate School of Education, Massachusetts, USA, on December 30, 2013. During the workshop Dr Duckworth conducted a demonstration of teaching with a group of five children (9-10 years old) from a Bangalore school.

Dr Duckworth introduced her approach to teaching which was influenced by her work with Jean Piaget. The method was constructivist inquiry and involved placing children in a problem-solving situation, with the teacher being in the role of a facilitator to support their epistemic inquiry and construction of knowledge.

The workshop was followed by a panel discussion involving Gopal Krishnamurthy on the theme, 'Why teachers do what they do'. Nearly 100 participants focused on the issue of the overwhelming influence of the examination system and the impulse to evaluate.

Institutional Collaboration

International Seminar on 'Opening-up, Cooperation and Economic Growth'



An international seminar on 'Opening-up, Cooperation and Economic Growth' was organised by the Sichuan Academy of Social Sciences (SASS), Chengdu, China, during October 25-26, 2013. Ten faculty members from ISEC, including Director Prof B K Pattnaik, participated in the seminar held at Chengdu, China.

As per the Memorandum of Understanding between the Sichuan Academy of Social Sciences (SASS), Chengdu, China, and the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bangalore, SASS hosted the second joint seminar at Chengdu, China, during October 25-26, 2013. The seminar, on the broader theme 'Opening-up, Cooperation and Economic Growth', was held along with the 14th Western China International Fair-2013 sponsored by the Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation (CAITEC) and the 21st Century China-India Centre for Culture and Communication (21st CCCCC). A team of ten faculty members from ISEC, including Prof B K Pattnaik, Director, Prof Manohar Yadav, Prof Parmod Kumar, Dr M J Bhende, Dr K Gayithri, Dr Elumalai Kannan, Dr Marchang Reimeingam, Dr Sobin George, Dr

Malini and Dr Barun Deb Pal participated in the seminar. Dr Elumalai Kannan coordinated the seminar from the ISEC side.

The seminar consisted of nine sessions including the inaugural session. In the opening remarks, various experts emphasised the increasing role of China and India in the growth of the world economy and called for strengthening the economic and cultural cooperation between these two countries. Seven theme presentations were made in the inaugural session on various aspects of India-China cooperation. These presentations broadly covered economic and trade relations, Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar (BCIM) economic corridor, Karnataka and its investment policies, communication and trust, competition and development, and 'southern silk road' for culture corridor.

In the technical sessions, 23 papers were presented on different issues related to India and China relations. Besides paper presentations, ISEC faculty members participated as session Chairmen/Hosts and discussants/commentators in the seminar.

Seminars by Visitors

A Gender Dimension in Financial Inclusion: A Study on the Impact of Women Participation on the Economic Upliftment of Poor Households – Dr Vighneswara Swamy, Associate Professor, Department of Finance, IBS - Hyderabad (August 12, 2013).

Theorizing Humiliation – Dr Ramesh Kamble, Professor of Sociology, University of Bombay, Mumbai (November 12, 2013).

Seminars by Faculty

Village Communities and their Common Property Forests – Dr P J Dilip Kumar, IFS (Retd.), Adjunct Professor, CEENR, ISEC, former DG of Forests & Spl. Secretary, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India (July 9, 2013).

Climate Change Efficiency of Urban Water Supply and Demand Management in Bangalore and New York Cities: A Comparative Study – Dr Krishna Raj, Associate Professor, CESP, ISEC, Bangalore (August 13, 2013).

Right to the City: Issues of Governance – Dr V Anil Kumar, Assistant Professor, CPIGD, ISEC, Bangalore (November 15, 2013).

Do Worker Facilitation Centres Improve Awareness on and Access to Social Security Benefits among Unorganised Workers? – Prof D Rajasekhar, Professor and Head, CDD, ISEC, Bangalore (December 12, 2013).

Seminars by Students

Agrarian Change and Credit Market Functioning in Tamil Nadu and Karnataka – Ms Yogeshwari, PhD Scholar, ADRTC, ISEC, Bangalore (July 15, 2014). (Pre-thesis submission Seminar)

Marriage Patterns in India: A Demographic Inquiry – Ms Baishali Goswami, PhD Scholar, PRC, ISEC, Bangalore (July 23, 2013). (Pre-thesis submission Seminar)

Economic Valuation and Efficiency of Canal Water use for Boro Cultivation: A Case Study of West Bengal – Mr Avinandan Taron, PhD Scholar, CEENR, ISEC, Bangalore (July 25, 2013). (Pre-thesis submission Seminar)

An Empirical Study on Measurement of Efficiency, Productivity and Competitiveness of Small-Scale Industries in India – Mr Avishek Chanda, PhD scholar, CESP, ISEC, Bangalore (December 18, 2013). (Pre-thesis submission Seminar)

Completed Projects

1. **Preparation of State Agricultural Profile of Karnataka** (Dr M J Bhende)
2. **Impact of NREGA on Wage Rates, Food Security and Rural Urban Migration with All India Coverage (Consolidated)** (Prof Parmod Kumar Dr I Maruthi)
3. **Impact Study of the National Horticulture Mission Scheme: A Consolidated Study (Revised Title)** (Prof Parmod Kumar)
4. **Assessment of Marketed and Marketable Surplus of Major Foodgrains in India - Karnataka Study (coordinated by IIM-A)** (Prof Parmod Kumar and Dr Elumalai Kannan)
5. **Estimation of Pre and Post Harvest Losses among Selected Crops in India - All India Coordinated Study** (Dr Elumalai Kannan and Prof Parmod Kumar)
6. **A Study on Women's Autonomy and Fertility Preference in Karnataka** (Dr R Mutharayappa)
7. **Baseline Survey of Villages in Yadgir District for Planning CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) Projects** (Dr. N. Sivanna and Prof. Siddharth Swaminathan)
8. **Socio-Economic Impact of Project Intervention in Two Zones - Malnad and Dry Zones in Karnataka - A Case Study** (Dr Syed Ajmal Pasha)

New Projects

1. **Estimation of Seed, Feed and Wastage Ratio among Foodgrains** (Prof Parmod Kumar and Dr Komol Singha)
2. **Impact of National Food Security Mission (NFSM) on Input Use, Production, Productivity and Income: A Case Study in Karnataka** (Dr A V Manjunatha and Prof Parmod Kumar)
3. **Adoption of Recommended Doses of Fertilizers on Soil Test Basis by Farmers in Karnataka** (Dr K B Ramappa and Dr Elumalai Kannan)
4. **Documentation of Success Stories of Food Processing Units in Karnataka** (Dr I Maruthi)
5. **Improving the delivery of Social Security Benefits in Karnataka** (Prof D Rajasekhar)
6. **Universal Old Age Pension in India: Estimates of Economic Demand, Public Cost and Financing Options** (Prof MR Narayana)
7. **Climate Change and Efficiency of Urban Water Supply and Demand Management in Bangalore and New York Cities** (Dr Krishna Raj)
8. **Health Insurance for the Poor and Elderly: Is RSBY the Answer?** (Prof Meenakshi Rajeev and Ms B P Vani)

Student News

Students' Biannual Seminar Series

The 28th Bi-annual Seminars were conducted during July 15-25, 2013, at ISEC. There were 51 presentations comprising 3 pre-submission seminars, 34 proposal/progress seminars, 13 theme presentations and one proposal seminar. Professors V M Rao, R G Desai, M K Ramesh, P H Rayappa, NSS Narayana, G Giridhar, T N Prakash and Dr Anisha Shah participated in the seminars as Special Discussants.

The 29th Bi-annual Seminars were conducted during December 16-24, 2013. In all, there were 36

presentations, consisting of 24 progress seminars, 11 proposal seminars and one pre-submission seminar. Professors Jeevan Kumar (Director, Centre for Gandhian Studies, Bangalore University, Bangalore) R G Desai (former Professor, Department of Economics, Bangalore University, Bangalore), Somashekhar (Department of Sociology, Bangalore University, Bangalore), Bhargava, M V Nadkarni (Honorary Visiting Professor, ISEC), and M G Chandrakanth (UAS, Hebbal, Bangalore) participated as Special Discussants.

PhD Awarded

The following were awarded the PhD by the University of Mysore during the last six months. The scholars' theses are mentioned after their names and their supervisors' names are given in brackets:

Ms Priya Gupta: Sociology – '*Disasters and Communities: A Sociological Study of Lifestyle and Adaptation in Coastal Orissa*'. (Dr Anand Inbanathan.)

Ms Reetika Syal: Political Science – '*Civil Society and Inclusive Governance: Delivery of Elementary Education in Madhya Pradesh*'. (Prof N Sivanna.)

Ms Sandhya Rani Mahapatro: Development Studies – '*Migration as a Risk Aversion Behaviour: A Gender Perspective*'. (Prof K S James.)

Mr Architesh Panda: Economics – '*Climate-induced Vulnerability and Adaptation by Rural Households: A Study of Some Drought-Prone Districts in Orissa*'. (Prof K N Ninan.)

Mr Prashobhan Palakkeel: Economics – '*Monetary Policy Transmission: Significance and Sectoral Impacts of Channels in Indian Economy*'. (Prof Meenakshi Rajeev.)

Mr Sabyasachi Tripathi: Economics – '*Urban Agglomeration and Urban Economic Growth in India: An Empirical Study*'. (Prof MR Narayana.)

Mr Rajesh K: Development Studies – '*Institutions and Practices: A Study of the People's Planning Campaign and the Kerala Development Programme*'. (Dr Anand Inbanathan.)

Publications

Working Papers

An Overview

In all, eight ISEC working papers were published during the period July-December 2013.

The paper, **Economic Impact of Non-communicable Disease in China and India: Estimates, Projections, and Comparisons (No. 300)** by David E Bloom, Elizabeth T Cafiero, Mark E McGovern, Klaus Prettnner, Anderson Stanciole, Jonathan Weiss, Samuel Bakkila and Larry Rosenberg, brings out the probable economic impacts due to Non-Communicable Diseases (NCD) in India and China for the period 2010-2030. The paper using WHO's EPIC model of economic growth, estimates the economic impacts of diseases including cardiovascular disease, cancer, chronic respiratory disease, diabetes, and mental health in these countries in both specific and comparative contexts. The paper argues that the cost of these diseases will amount to USD 27.8 trillion for China and USD 6.2 trillion for India, and cardiovascular disease, mental health and respiratory disease constitute a major share in it. The paper also highlights that the higher cost for China is mainly due to its higher income and older population.

The paper, **India's SEZ Policy - A Retrospective Analysis (No. 301)** by Malini L Tantri, offers a critical review of India's SEZ policy over the last five decades (1960 to 2010). The paper argues that among others, major factors that contribute to the poor performance of EPZs were the loopholes in the policy structure of the country of the pre-reform period. Specifically, the supply side factors were not strongly developed to meet the standards of the growing international market. The paper also underscores the need for a pragmatic re-visit of the SEZ policy in India in order to check the flaws in the policy formulation and execution which are in conflict with other development objectives of the economy.

K S Umamani and S Manasi in their paper **Rainwater Harvesting Initiative in Bangalore**

City: Problems and Prospects (No. 302), discuss the issues related to the adoption and implementation of Rain Water Harvesting (RWH) initiative by the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board. The paper, based on a field study covering 200 households in Bangalore city, argues that as much as 94 per cent of the households adopted RWH out of compulsion and 81 per cent did not follow proper technical procedures even though RWH is mandatory as per the Bangalore Rainwater Harvesting Regulations, 2009. Furthermore, awareness regarding cost aspects was poor leading to exploitation by plumbers. These call for strengthening of the implementation process and adoption of more people-friendly support services.

Sabyasachi Tripathi in his paper **Large Agglomerations and Economic Growth in Urban India: An Application of Panel Data Model (No. 303)** investigates the impact of urban agglomeration on urban economic growth, using static and dynamic panel data approach, based on data of 52 large cities in India for the period 2000 to 2009. The paper argues that agglomeration has a strong positive effect on urban economic growth and the results support the 'Williamson hypothesis' that agglomeration increases economic growth only up to certain level of economic development. The results also indicate that human capital accumulation promotes urban economic growth.

The paper, **Identifying Credit Constrained Farmers: An Alternative Approach (No. 304)** by Manojit Bhattacharjee and Meenakshi Rajeev, offers an alternative methodology to identify credit constrained households among farmers. The paper adopts marginal approach to arrive at the optimal expenditure requirement for production for each household. If expenditure of a household is found less than the optimal level, it would be considered as credit constrained. The paper also brings out the determinants of credit constriction for households. It shows that the likelihood of being constrained is higher for a person better endowed in terms of level of education and economic resources. The optimal

level of output per unit of land for a better endowed person is much higher due to his having access to cheaper formal sector loan and thereby facing lower marginal cost of production. This observation is also valid for the higher social category of households (general) vis-a-vis other groups

The paper **Conflict and Education in Manipur: A Comparative Analysis (No. 305)** by Komol Singha gives an account of the educational progress in the state of Manipur amidst conflicts mainly due to insurgency and secessionist movements. The paper, drawing from primary and secondary data, argues that conflicts do not affect educational growth in the State; conversely it makes children to out-migrate for their studies. In the recent past, though conflict is at its peak (stalemate) educational development level has not suffered but grown at a faster rate than in earlier times in the State. Based on Brahm's inverted U shape conflict hypothesis, the State is expected to return to normalcy and enjoy a peaceful and developed life very shortly.

Kaushik Basu and Meenakshi Rajeev in their paper **Determinants of Capital Structure of Indian Corporate Sector: Evidence of Regulatory Impact (No. 306)**, examine whether capital market regulations exert any influence on capital structure decisions of Indian corporate firms, and how to measure the capabilities of firm-specific factors to explain two theories of capital structure namely, static trade-off theory and pecking order hypothesis. Employing static panel data model, developed by Driscoll and Kraay (1998), the paper considered 1,154 firms for a period of 21 years (1989-2009) which resulted in 6,946 observations. The results show that capital market regulations in India have adverse impact on the use of public debt and favorable impact on the use of equity capital. It is also found that firm-specific factors are more capable of explaining trade-off theory rather than explaining the information asymmetry in the public domain.

Krishna Raj's paper **Where All the Water Has Gone? An Analysis of Unreliable Water**

Supply in Bangalore City (No. 307) assesses the economic efficiency and institutional capability to meet the water needs in the city. The paper notes that urban water supply in India in general and Bangalore in particular is facing several challenges in meeting one of the important components of the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals, i.e., to ensure supply of adequate potable water to half the number of people who are currently living without access to sustainable, safe drinking water sources by 2015. The challenges, as the paper identifies, include increasing scarcity of water, low pricing, high subsidy, poor cost recovery, high transmission and distribution losses, due to poor maintenance, rising unaccounted-for and non-revenue water outgo. The major issues that the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board faces are: poor cost recovery, inability to generate adequate revenue to meet the investment requirements of the city, environmental sustainability and affordability due to deterioration of infrastructure.

Books Published/Edited

Status of Elderly in Kerala. United Nations Population Fund, December 2013, by James, K S, T S Syamala, Supriya Verma, Sajini B Nair, L Sylaja, S Sureshkumar and K R Anithakumari.

Demand and Supply of Agricultural Commodities in India. New Delhi: Macmillan India, 2013, by Kumar, Parmod.

Peasantry, Capitalism and State: The Political Economy of Agrarian Societies. UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, November 2013, by Kumar, V Anil.

Sisyphean Efforts? State Policy and Child Labour in Karnataka. UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, November 2013, by Kumar, V Anil.

Knowledge Systems of Societies for Adaptation and Mitigation of Impacts of Climate Change, Environmental Science and Engineering. Germany: Springer-Verlag Berlin Heidelberg, 2013, by Nautiyal, Sunil, K S Rao, H Kaechele, K V Raju and R Schaldach.

Articles Published in Journals/Edited Books

Babu, M Devendra

'Strengthening Panchayati Raj Institutions: The Experience of Karnataka'. *The Grassroots Governance Journal*, July-December 2013.

Balasubramanian, M

'Integrating Forest Resources into National Accounts in Karnataka, India'. *International Journal of Green Economics*, 7 (3): 276-98.

Gayithri, K

(with Savitha) 'Performance Management Systems: The Cases of Canada and India'. In Hariharan, B and P P Ajay Kumar (eds), *Convergence and Configurations of Disciplines: Canada and India*. Creative Books, 2013.

James, K S

'India'. In Anne Goujon and Regina Fuchs (eds), *Future Fertility of High Fertility Countries: A Model Incorporating Experts Arguments*. Austria: International Institute of Applied System Analysis, October, 2013.

Kannan, Elumalai

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South interior Karnataka receives excess rain. P6



Party boost hurts people's fu



CM revives caste census after 9 years

Should IT staff fend for themselves?

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HIS STUDENTS KEPT HIS ENTHUSIASM ALIVE

Census data shows State set to reap demographic dividend

Population's largest age group between 'productive' 20 and 29 years

Vijesh Karnath

BANGALORE: Karnataka's population is reaching its prime with the largest age group in the State being between 20 years and 29 years. Demographers point out that this would help in yielding rich dividends in terms of work productivity.

In numbers

AGE GROUP (IN YEARS)	PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION
0-9	16.83
10-19	18.92
20-29	19.35
30-39	15.37
40-49	12.02
50-59	7.92
60-69	5.85
70-79	2.59
80-89	0.811
90-99	0.17

demographic advantage, or demographic dividend," said K S James, Professor and Head, Population Research Centre, Institute for Social and Economic Change.

The demographic dividend could be achieved following a drop in the fertility rates and reduction in child and infant mortality rates, he pointed out.

The largest segment of population of productive working age means that there are fewer younger dependents and fewer older dependents, resulting in less strain on families, James said.

the population approximate their age to the nearest multiple of five. For instance, while 4.8 lakh people gave their age as 40 years during the census enumeration process, as many as 12.9 lakh gave their age as 30 years. A cursory glance at the year-wise age data shows that there are peaks at every five years — 20, 25, 30, 35 — and so on.

"It is called age skipping and is a reporting problem during the enumeration process. It can be eliminated by taking averages over five or 10 year age groups," James said.

For the record, as many as

Statewide survey on dropouts in Nov

Bangalore: The government on Wednesday informed the Karnataka High Court that a five-day statewide survey will be conducted to identify children out of school or dropouts from November 13.

The survey will be conducted at school as well as in around 90 lakh households in all vulnerable clusters. It'll be limited to tracking missing children in non-vulnerable areas.

NEW SOFTWARE

The government said that the state office of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) has developed a new software for tracking out-of-school children and dropouts.

It will be loaded on its website <http://ssakarnataka.gov.in> for the people to submit their suggestions. The next hearing is on Nov. 18.

galore: Maya Menon, Teachers Foundation, Bangalore; chairperson, Karnataka Child Rights Commission and the state project director, Mahila Samakya, Bangalore.

The court directed the government to invite Aditya Sondhi, assisting the court as amicus curiae in this case, Kathayini Channarayn of Civic Bangalore, assisting as an intervener and advocates Jayana Kothari and Clifton D. Rozario to all HPCC meetings.

Criteria redefined: The court was informed that the criteria regarding out-of-school children/dropouts have been redefined and any child absent from school for seven successive days would be treated as a dropout or out-of-school child against the earlier criteria of 60 days.

Sondhi informed the court that the state government issued a notification a few days ago constituting an attendance authority to keep track of dropouts. A department official explained that education coordinators under all

IN HIGH COURT

We have already conducted a pilot survey in Chikballapur and Chikmagalur districts. Data analysis is in progress. The government is in the process of forming a division bench in the High Court to hear the petition.

DECCAN HERALD

Traders, tourists behind tye tale of onion price hike

Onion prices have risen sharply in Bangalore and other parts of the state. Traders and tourists are blamed for the price hike.

The government has taken steps to control the prices. It has asked traders to sell at a fixed price and tourists to buy in bulk.

The prices are expected to come down soon.

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Member, BoG of Mount Carmel College

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Resource Person, Industries Department, GoK

Resource Person, ICSSR, for their evaluation process

Thesis examination, Kolkata University

Resource Person, Christ University

Sivanna, N

Member, Expert Group on Governance and Innovations, constituted by the Department of Planning, Government of Karnataka.

Yadav, Manohar

Member, Expert Committee on Monitoring Research Projects undertaken at Tribal Research Institute, Government of Karnataka, Mysore.

Miscellaneous

Deb Pal, Barun

Participated as a Panel Expert, in the International Workshop on Solar Energy Experiments and Future Options, organised by Jadavpur University and the University of Sussex, UK, November 13-14, 2013, Kolkata.

Participated as a Panel Expert, in the Workshop on Policy Dialogue on Environment Governance, organised by TERI-Bangalore, October 6-7, 2013, at Bangalore.

Gayithri, K

Participated as a Panelist, in the Panel Discussion on Dynamics of Rupee Fluctuation – Fiscal angle” on Rupee Volatility: Impact and Measures, organised by Christ University, September 13, 2013, at Bangalore.

(with Dr Malini) Coordinator, Bringing Youth into Development (BYID) internship programme of the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute.

George, Sobin

Judge in the Young Sociologists Competition 2013-14, organised by Department of Sociology, Christ University, December 11, 2013, at Bangalore.

James, K S

Participated as a Resource Person, in the Technical Training Programme for the Lead Agency Representatives, organised by Department of Planning, Government of Karnataka, July 16-17, 2013, at Administrative Training Institute (ATI), Mysore.

Attended 13th meeting to review the status and quality of HMIS and MCTS, organised by Regional Office for Health & Family Welfare, GoI, August 5, 2013, at Bangalore.

Kannan, Elumalai

Participated in the meeting of Board of Studies, Post Graduate Department of Economics, St Joseph's College (Autonomous), Bangalore, September 3, 2013.

Lingaraju, M

(with Dr Padma M Sarangapani, Dr K S Umamani and Dr Indrajit Bairagya) Conducted training for the Field Investigators for Project SSA: 1st Phase of SSA in Mandya, Coorg, Udupi and Raichur Districts, November 15-26, 2013 at ISEC, Bangalore.

Lakshmana, CM

Participated as a Resource Person, in the Seminar on Research Methods and Techniques, organised by Government First Grade College (GFC), Tiptur, Tumkur District, August 29, 2013, at Tumkur.

Participated as a Resource Person, in the Training Course on Research Methodology in Social Science for Research Scholars, organised by the Centre for Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy (CSEIP), Mangalore University, Mangalagangothri, August 6, 2013, at Mangalore.

Submitted two Monitoring Reports of NRHM/PIP of Gulbarga and Yadgir Districts of Karnataka, to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, GoI, New Delhi, November and December, 2013.

Mutharayappa, R

Attended Board of Studies Meeting as Member, Department of Studies in Anthropology, in the Apex Professional University, September 26, 2013.

Raj, Krishna

Expert Alliance for Green Karnataka, Public Affairs Centre, Bangalore.

Rajasekhar, D

(with Salim Lakha and R Manjula) Social Audits under MGNREGS: Lessons from Karnataka. *ISEC Policy Brief*, 2013.

Rajeev, Meenakshi

Guest Editor for Special Issue of *ISEC journal Journal of Social and Economic Development* on the theme: '**Reforms and Macroeconomics: Theories and Experiences**'.

Raju, K V

Attended Ninth India Innovation Summit 2013: India as a Start-Up Nation, at Bangalore, August 7-8, 2013.

Attended a meeting in connection with the 'Socio-Economic Vulnerability Profile Development at the District and Block (Taluk) Level for Karnataka', sponsored by Global Green Growth Initiative (GGGI), at Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore, August 23, 2013.

Coordinated and participated in the meeting on 'Islamic Scriptures and Water' held at Centre for Islamic Studies, October 20, 2013.

Coordinated and participated in the meeting on 'Biblical Records and Water' held at Centre for Christian Studies and Society, Bangalore, November 16, 2013.

Participated as a Member in the 16th Executive Committee Meeting of Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust (Department of Health & Family Welfare), Government of Karnataka, Bangalore, August 1, 2013.

Participated as a Panel Member to speak on 'Integrating Economic Goals with Environmental and Social Goals' at the Regional Consultation on Designing Sustainable Development Goals, organised by TERI, July 10, 2013, at Bangalore.

Reimeingam, Marchang

Participated as a Commentator, in the

Tie-up with the University of Groningen



ISEC and the University of Groningen, the Netherlands, have entered into an institutional collaboration for research and student exchange programmes. An MoU for the collaboration was signed by Professor Sibrandes Poppema (left), President of the University of Groningen, and Professor B K Pattnaik, Director of ISEC, on November 29, 2013.



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